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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Status of documentation for the session

Note by the Secretariat

1. By Economic and Social Council resolutions 1979/1 and 1979/69 on the control and limitation of documentation and 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Council, the Council reiterated that the Secretariat should circulate the relevant documentation in all the working languages six weeks before the opening of the sessions of the Council and its subsidiary organs, and invited the Secretariat to take steps to ensure effective compliance with rule 13, paragraph 4, of the rules of procedure of the Council. By resolution 1979/69, the Council requested the Secretariat to inform the Council and its subsidiary bodies, in the relevant annotated agenda, which documents had not been issued in accordance with the six-weeks rule, with a full explanation of the reasons that prevented their circulation.

2. In its resolution 1989/12, the Council requested the Secretary-General to fully implement the measures to improve the work of the Committee on Natural Resources identified at its tenth session, 1/ and to submit documentation at least three months in advance of the Committee's session.

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* E/C.7/1991/1.

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1987, Supplement No. 8 (E/1987/21), chap. I, sect. C, decision 10/4.

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3. In view of the schedule of the twelfth session of the Committee on Natural Resources (25 March-4 April 1991), the documentation for the session should have been submitted to the Division of Economic and Social Council Affairs and Secretariat Services by 26 November 1990 and circulated by 31 December 1990. The documents not circulated by that date are listed in the annex below. Explanations of their delay will be provided by the office responsible.

STATUS OF DOCUMENTATION AS AT 5 MARCH 1991

Agenda item	Document title and symbol	Submitting department or office a/	Date of submission to the Division of Economic and Social Council Affairs and Secretariat Services	Date of submission to the Department of Conference Services	Actual or projected date of issue
3	Energy resources Report of the Secretary-General on technical co-operation programmes on the exploration, development and efficient use of energy resources (E/C.7/1991/13)	DTCD	6 July 1990	12 July 1990	22 January 1991
	Report of the Secretary-General on trends and salient issues in energy resources (E/C.7/1991/9)	DIESA	21 November 1990	13 December 1990	28 February 1991
	Report of the Secretary-General on energy-saving strategies and measures to improve the efficient utilization of electric power systems (E/C.7/1991/12)	DTCD	6 July 1990	11 July 1990	22 January 1991
4	Water resources Report of the Secretary-General on strategies and measures necessary for the implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan in the 1990s (E/C.7/1991/8)	DTCD/IESA	6 December 1990	13 February 1991	11 March 1991
5	Mineral resources Report of the Secretary-General on trends and salient issues in the development of mineral resources: a review of recent supply, demand/consumption and price trends (E/C.7/1991/4)	DTCD	11 July 1990	19 July 1990	8 February 1991
	Report of the Secretary-General on small-scale mining prospects in developing countries: a review of recent activities (E/C.7/1991/5)	DTCD	11 July 1990	24 July 1990	22 January 1991
6	Permanent sovereignty over natural resources Updated, concise report of the Secretary-General on permanent sovereignty over natural resources (E/C.7/1991/6)	DTCD	11 December 1990	4 March 1991	18 March 1991

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8	Co-ordination of programmes within the United Nations system in the field of natural resources Report of the Secretary-General updating an overview of the activities of the United Nations system in water, mineral and energy resources (E/C.7/1991/10)	IESA	8 February 1991		
9	Disaster prevention and mitigation in developing and utilizing natural resources Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations system concerning disaster prevention and mitigation in developing and utilizing natural resources (E/C.7/1991/11)	DIESA			
10	United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (DP/1991/)	UNDP			
11	Programme questions Note by the Secretariat on the proposed work programme of DIESA and DTCD in the field of natural resources and energy for the biennium 1992-1993 (E/C.7/1991/CRP.___)	OPPBF			

a/ See the annex for a list of abbreviations.